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Guide to the

**William Hayley manuscript material**

1792-1818

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## Summary

**Creator:** Hayley, William, 1745-1820

**Title:** William Hayley manuscript material

**Date:** 1792-1818

**Size:** 3 items

**Abstract:** William Hayley, English poet and biographer. His *Life of his friend William Cowper* was published in 1803. &#xB7; To Ann Flaxman, wife of the sculptor John Flaxman : 1 autograph poetical Valentine signed : Feb 1818 : (MISC 3743) : begins, "Will the dear Nancy smile to see / A Valentine of seventy three?".

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## Scope and Content Note

- To Ann Flaxman, wife of the sculptor John Flaxman : 1 autograph poetical Valentine signed : Feb 1818 : (MISC 3743) : begins, "Will the dear Nancy smile to see / A Valentine of seventy three?".
- To John Johnson of East Dereham, Norfolk, cousin of William Cowper, the poet : 1 autograph letter signed, "your ever sincere & affectionate Hermit" : 15 Jul 1816 : (MISC 4288) : 1 page (single sheet) : [no place] : begins, "In my immediate reply to you yesterday, by the returning post, I had not time to speak of our interesting Margaret Perowne..."; including a ten-line verse epitaph for Margaret Perowne, Johnson's housekeeper.
- To George Nicol, bookseller and publisher : 1 autograph letter signed : 29 Jan 1792 : (MISC 4028) :

regarding Hayley's biography of Milton, which would be published two years later by Nicol and others as part of the Poetical Works of John Milton; also asking about their mutual friend, the poet Joseph Warton.

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Biographers -- Great Britain -- 18th century -- Correspondence

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Poets, English -- 18th century -- Correspondence

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### **Titles**

Hayley, William : manuscript material

### **Names**

Flaxman, Ann Denman, d. 1820

Hayley, William, 1745-1820

Johnson, John, 1769-1833

Nicol, G. (George)